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1. In the territory held by the Viet Minh immediately surrounding Hanoi, villagers are very anti-white and strong action by the Viet Minh is sometimes required to keep them under control and to protect foreigners. The Viet Minh army occasionally intervenes.
2. Morale generally is high among all classes of the population and there is no question of surrender to the French.
3. The union of the three provinces, Cochinchina, Annam and Tonkin is what the Viet Minh demand as a basis for peace negotiations. Unless the French consent to this union, the Viet Minh intend to continue hostilities and will, if necessary, appeal to the UNO for arbitration.
4. Many rice fields are neglected and others have been destroyed by deliberate flooding. Famine conditions are almost certain in a few months' time.
5. Returned prisoners state that after their installation in a camp treatment has been correct. Two hundred people, including eighty children, remain in a camp where conditions are fair, but clothing, medicine and milk are lacking.

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